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1. SECRETARY WILL CERTAINLY GET QUESTIONS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE
OF HEW. THESE WILL PROBABLY BE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. DO YOU SEE AMERICA GOING ISOLATIONIST NOW THAT
VIETNAM IS OVER?

B. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF RELUCTANCE IN AMERICA
TO TAKING LARGE NUMBERS OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

C. WILL HEW BE INVOLVED WITH VIETNAM REFUGEES?

D. AMERICA IS NOW SUFFERING A HIGHRATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT
AND INFLATION. YOU MANAGE THE LARGEST BUDGET IN
U.S. GOVT. SPENDING - HOW DO YOU SEE THE ECONOMIC
FUTURE?

E. DO YOU FORESEE SOCIALIZED MEDICINE COMING IN THE
UNITED STATES? NOTE: AUSTRALIA IS NOW

PUTTING INTO EFFECT A NATIONAL HEALTH PLAN
NAMED MEDIBANK. THIS IS HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL,
VERY COMPLICATED AND ANY COMMENT SHOULD BE

AVOIDED. EASY ANSWER IS TO SAY "I HAVE
ONLY BEEN HERE A VERY SHORT TIME AND HAVE NOT

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STUDIED THE PLAN, IN ANY EVENT I DON'T THINK

IT APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO COMMENT ON YOUR PRO-
GRAMS."

F. IS THE RACIAL PROBLEM GETTING WORSE OR BETTER
IN THE U.S.?

G. RECENTLY IT WAS STATED THAT HARD DRUG ADDICTION
IN THE U.S. WAS INCREASING. IS THIS TRUE AND DO
YOU SEE ANY ANSWER TO THIS PROBLEM?

2. MELBOURNE SENDING SEPARATE QUESTIONS DIRECTLY.

3. PAS WILL MEET PLANE AND BE WITH PARTY DURING VISIT
AND ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE.

4. WILL ALSO BE ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE STATE OF US/
AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY ON THE POST VIETNAM PERIOD.
DO YOU THINK US/AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS ARE BETTER NOW THAN
UNDER PREVIOUS LIBERAL GOVERNMENTS. WE WILL HAVE
MORE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN DETAIL TO BE GIVEN UPON
ARRIVAL.
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